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E.O. 12065: GDS 8/24/85 (FRIEDMAN, TOWNSEND B.) OR-P
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SUBJECT: INTERIOR MINISTER'S LATEST PEN FIGURES

REF: (A) BUENOS AIRES 5450; (B) BUENOS AIRES 6620

1. (U) SUMMARY. ON AUGUST 22 INTERIOR MINISTER MARGUINDEGUY
ANNOUNCED THE REMOVAL FROM THE PEN LIST OF 50 INDIVIDUALS. AT
THE SAME TIME HE ALSO SUPPLIED CURRENT FIGURES FOR THE TOTAL
LEVEL OF PEN AND RELATED PRISONERS. THE TABLE BELOW
SUPPLIES THOSE FIGURES AND WHERE POSSIBLE, THE FIGURES
MARGUINDEGUY GAVE ON AUGUST 8 FOR THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES
AS OF JULY 31 (REF B). END SUMMARY.

2. (U)	AUGUST 22	JULY 31
A) TOTAL PEN	1,526	1,616
1) UNDER JUDICIAL PROCESS	641	(NOT GIVEN)
2) APPEALING CONVICTIONS	78	(NOT GIVEN)
3) HELD WITHOUT CHARGE	807	(NOT GIVEN)
B) FREE BUT REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE POLICE (CONTROLLED FREEDOM)	166	198
C) HOUSE ARREST	18	10
D) GRANTED RIGHT OF OPTION	746	735
E) EXPELLED	196	193

3. (U) BESIDES THE FIFTY REMOVED FROM PEN THERE WERE,
ACCORDING TO MARGUINDEGUY, 10 INDIVIDUALS MOVED TO
SUPERVISED LIBERTY; 4 WERE EXPELLED; AND TEN AUTHORIZED
TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY. THE FOLLOWING ARE US INTEREST
CASES AFFECTED BY THESE ANNOUNCEMENTS WITH THEIR
DISPOSITIONS:

NAME	DISPOSITION	US INTEREST
LAPLASE, RAFAEL LUIS (1908/79/4)	CONTROLLED FREEDOM	BAR ASSOC. OF CITY OF NY
IAMORANO, CARLOS MARIAND (1958/79/4)	CONTROLLED FREEDOM	BAR ASSOC. OF CITY OF NY
MAIRABEDIAN, CARLOS (1983/79/4)	REMOVED FROM PEN	BAR ASSOC. OF CITY OF NY

NAME	REMOVED FROM	DEPT OF STATE
MATHOT, HUGO ORLANDO (1802/77/0)	REMOVED FROM PEN	SEN. STEVENSON SEN. PERCY
PEREZ ESQUIVEL, ADOLFO MARIA (192/77/9)	REMOVED FROM PEN	BAR ASSOC. OF CITY OF NY
RUIZ TABOADA DE CORVALAN, AMRIA EUGENIA (1934/79/4)	REMOVED FROM PEN	CONGEN
SGROI, JUAN BASILIO (1931/78/11)	EXPELLED	CONGEN
FRAGALA DE ANTIGUA, VANDA JOSEFA (1891/79/4)	EXPELLED	BAR ASSOC OF CITY OF NY
BARONINI, JOSE CESAR (1976/79/4)	AUTHORIZED TO COUNTRY (WILL GO TO US)	CONGEN

4. COMMENT: IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO RECONCILE
TOTALLY THE MINISTER'S LATEST FIGURES WITH THE ONES
HE GAVE OUT ON AUGUST 8. THE DISCREPANCIES ARE NOT MAJOR
AND MAY BE ATTRIBUTABLE BOTH TO ARGENTINE INEAXINESS AND
OUR OWN INCOMPLETE UNDERSTANDING OF ALL THE CATEGORIES
(EG: HOW MANY OF THOSE UNDER CONTROLLED FREEDOM ARE ALSO
BEING HELD UNDER PEN?). WE ARE ALSO UNCERTAIN HOW MANY
OF THOSE DROPPED FROM PEN ARE ACTUALLY FREE AND HOW
MANY ARE NOW BEING HELD ON FORMAL CHARGES. ONE NEWLY
PUBLISHED CATEGORY OF INTEREST IS THE 78 WHO ARE
REPORTEDLY APPEALING THEIR CONVICTION, A PROCESS THAT
SEEMS TO KEEP THEM JAILED TECHNICALLY UNDER PEN RATHER THAN JAILED
UNDER THE TERMS OF THEIR CONVICTION. WE NOTE THAT OUR OWN EMBASSY
FILES AGAIN YIELD A DIFFERENT FIGURE FOR TOTAL PEN
PRISONERS THAN THAT OF THE MINISTER, BUT THIS MAY WELL
REFLECT ERRORS IN OUR ORIGINAL DATA BASE AND OUR OWN LACK OF
INFORMATION AS WELL AS UNDERSTANDING OF THE CATEGORIES
USED BY THE GOA. WE HAVE A REQUEST PENDING AT THE INTERIOR
MINISTRY SINCE LAST JUNE FOR CLARIFICATION ON A NUMBER OF
THESE ISSUES AND WILL BE FOLLOWING UP TO TRY TO
EDUCATE OURSELVES ON THE SUBJECT.
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